

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, last paragraph, starting on line 24, please change to read as follows:

In the field of mobile communications, data is transmitted upon being converted by compression processing to a data format having a low bit rate in order to utilize the communication bandwidth effectively. When information having such a low bit rate is encapsulated in the payload of a standard ATM cell, filling the payload of one ATM cell with data takes time. This can lead to a delay in the data and to a decline in communications quality. A multiplex transfer scheme referred to as AAL Type 2 has been recommended by ITU-T Recommendation I.363.2 as a scheme that makes possible the transmission of information having a low bit rate will with little delay. AAL Type 2 is suited to the transfer of low bit rate information of the kind used in mobile communications networks and is a transfer method that contemplates effective bandwidth utilization with little delay.